

REMARKS

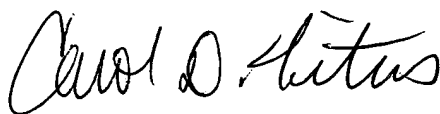
1. Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-8, 12-15 and 17-22 on various grounds.
2. Examiner indicated that claims 23-25 are allowed.
3. Claims 1, 3, 13, 15, and 20-22 have been canceled without prejudice.
4. Claims 2, 5-8, 12, 14, 17, 18 and 19 have been rewritten in dependent form on allowed claim 23 and should therefore be in allowable form. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For all the reasons above, Applicant submits that the claims all define novel subject matter that is nonobvious. Therefore, allowance of these claims is submitted to be proper and is respectfully requested.

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative as listed below for a telephonic interview if so doing would expedite the prosecution of the application.

Very respectfully submitted,



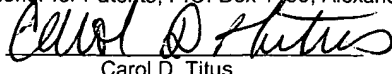
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